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Application Serial No. 09/779,455

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Tarun K. DHAR et al.

Title: A HIGHLY COST-EFFECTIVE ANALYTICAL DEVICE FOR  
PERFORMING IMMUNOASSAYS WITH ULTRA HIGH  
SENSITIVITY

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office communication mailed August 20, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A shortened statutory period for response expires one month from the date of mailing and, therefore, this response is timely-filed. Nevertheless, if this response lacks in the payment of any fees, the Commissioner is authorized to make appropriate charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the claims**

Claims 1-43 are pending. No claims have been amended. No claims have been added.

**II. The Office Action**

The examiner required that applicants elect one of two Groups:

- Group I (claims 1-21) drawn to an analytical device; or